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SUBJ: UNDP 22ND GOVERNING COUNCIL: (ITEM 6) DECISIONS

ON NEW DIMENSIONS, AND GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF PROJECTS

APPROVED

1. DURING THE JULY 2 GOVERNING COUNCIL PLENARY TWO RELATED DECISIONS WERE APPROVED FOLLOWING EXTENSIVE DEBATE OVER SEVERAL DAYS. THE DECISION ON NEW DIMENSIONS IN TECHNICAL COOPERATION (DP/GC/XXII/CRP 17) IS A GENERAL AND INNOCUOUS ADVOCACY OF THE NEW DIRECTIONS FOR THE PROGRAM APPROVED AT THE 20TH GC.

2. HOWEVER, CLOSELY RELATED TO NEW DIMENSIONS IS THE PLAN BY THE ADMINISTRATOR (OUTLINED IN DP/197) FOR BEGINNING OF DIRECT EXECUTION OF SOME TA PROJECTS BY GOVERNMENTS, WITHOUT THE USE OF THE UN SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AS EXECUTING AGENCIES. FOR A PERIOD IT APPEARED AS IF A DRAFT ON GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF PROJECTS COULD NOT ACHIEVE COUNCIL APPROVAL DUE TO DIFFERING AND SPECIAL CONCERNS OF THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOWEVER THROUGH THE SPECIAL EFFORTS OF THE NETHERLANDS, INDIA AND OTHERS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WAS REACHED TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE DESIRES OF THE LDCS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THIS INNOVATIVE FIELD, AND THE NEED FOR PROCEEDING CAUTIOUSLY, ON A SELECTIVE BASIS, AND FOR COUNTRIES

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TO CONTINUE TO MAKE USE OF OUTSIDE SECTORAL ADVICE,

BOTH FROM THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER SOURCES.
THE DRAFT DECISION (DP/GC/XXII/CRP 24) WAS APPROVED
BY THE SESSION WITH MINOR AMENDMENT.

3. TEXTS OF THE TWO DECISIONS FOLLOW:

DP/GC/XXII/CRP 17

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FINANCIAL SITUATION OF UNDP AND RELATED
PROGRAMME MATTERS
DRAFT DECISION

IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW DIMENSIONS IN TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION
THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR IN
DOCUMENT DP/194;

RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3405 (XXX)
AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL'S DECISION ON NEW DIMENSIONS
TAKEN AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION;

REQUESTS THE ADMINISTRATOR TO CONTINUE WITH HIS
EFFORTS AND TAKE FURTHER NECESSARY MEASURES TO
IMPLEMENT THE DECISION OF NEW DIMENSIONS AND TAKE
APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT THE CONCEPT OF
NEW DIMENSIONS IS REFLECTED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ON-GOING AND NEW PROJECTS BY THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES
IN CONSULTATION WITH THE RECIPIENT GOVERNMENTS, AND
THEREAFTER REPORT TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL ON THE
MATTER AT ITS TWENTY-THIRD SESSION ON THE PROGRESS
OF IMPLEMENTATION.

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DP/GC/XXII/CRP 24

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GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF UNDP PROJECTS
DRAFT DECISION

THE GOVERNING COUNCIL,

1. TAKES NOTE OF DOCUMENT DP/197;

2. RECALLS THAT ONE OF THE GENERAL GUIDELINES ON NEW

DIMENSIONS IN TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION ADOPTED AT ITS TWENTIETH SESSION, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ENDORSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN ITS RESOLUTION 3405 (XXX), PROVIDES THAT GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE INCREASINGLY ENTRUSTED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EXECUTING UNDP-ASSISTED PROJECTS;

3. APPRECIATES THAT GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF PROJECTS COULD PROMOTE SELF-RELIANCE BY ENHANCING THE CAPABILITIES OF LOCAL INSTITUTIONS AND EXPERTISE, DIVERSIFY SOURCES OF SUPPLY AND THUS CONTRIBUTE TO TECHNICAL CO-OPERATION AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AND PROVIDE A USEFUL ADDITIONAL MEANS F MAKING THE MOST EFFECTIVE USE OF SCARCE RESOURCES;

4. EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVING THE QUALITY OF THE PROGRAMME AND THE NEED FOR THE AMINISTRATOR TO PROCEED WITH GOVERNMENT EXECUTION ON A CAREFULLY SELECTED BASIS IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH HIGH-LEVEL SECTORAL ADVICE; FROM THE UN SYSTEM, OR SUITABLE OUTSIDE SOURCES, IF NECESSARY.

5. AUTHORIZES THE ADMINISTRATOR TO INITIATE GOVERNMENT EXECUTION OF PROJECTS ON A CAREFULLY SELECTED BASIS PENDING SUBMISSION OF A DETAILED REPORT TO THE TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE COUNCIL ON THE CRITERIA, EVALUATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES AND CHANGES IN THE FINANCIAL RULES THAT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS NEW DIMENSION ON A REGULAR BASIS.

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